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ample characters & Recom'dations of me y^{n} of y^{m} from people of ye best Quallity and Must I thank him for y^{t} wch my own Character & Merits procured me.

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President Nathaniel Bacon to Governor Lord Effingham, 1689.

(From Virginia Archives.)

THE PROTESTANT INSURRECTION IN MARYLAND.

May it please yor Excellency:

I and the Council were in greate hopes to have had ye Hon^{r} of yor Lord^{pp} pr'sence here before this tyme, & hope you are neare. Wee are now every day expecting the London Shipps. And indeed they will be welcome. The people in greate want of Clothing & provision.

Y^{r} Lord^{pp} will herewith receive a Duplicate of a Letter I wrote by Command of ye Councill by Capt. Burwell, wch I hope y^{r} Lord'pp hath long since rec'd. I shall not trouble yor Lord^{pp} wth ye Contents of itt but refer to ye same.

My Lord for that Letter yor Lord^{pp} had an acct. of the loss of their Maj^{ties} Ketch ye Deptford and that I had ordered Capt. Rowe w'th the Dumbarton & what other help could be gott to endevoure to weigh her, w'ch hee delayed but pr'mised from tyme to tyme to go, but att last sent to mee y^{t} he was sick & ye weather Cold, & wanted Anchors & Cables soe y^{t} hee could not * * [illegible] the shipp, & y^{t} itt was ympossible to weigh her. But sent a Sloope & what of her Anchors, Cables, Sayles & Rigging would be * * [illegible] & ye men belonging to her were discharged.

My Lord for p'formance of his Maties Comands signifyed by the Rt. Hon'ble the Earl of Shrewsbury we have nott p'mitted any Shipps to Sayle for Europe. But wee haveing noe further orders out of England nor any London Shipp arrived and Some^{t} Shipps haveing been ready a great while, the greatest parte y

are arrived here & in Maryland being ready to Sayle Wee thought fitt to lett them Sayle in a Fleete & hope they will Safely arrive.

I doubt not butt yor Lord^{pp} have long since heard the Disturbances in Maryland, that some of ye Protestants had taken ye Govern^{mt} out of the hands of the President & Councill, putt in by the Lord Baltimore & imprisoned & * papists & others & took upon themselves the Government. The President & Maj. Sewell came with Coll. Wm. Digges to his house in York River. My Lord that w^{oh} is the reason of my troubling you wth this account of Maryland is that ye beginning of January Maj. Sewall going upp in his Yatch or Pleasure Boate to his house in Patuxent River went on Shoare there & hee being on shoare, Mr. Jno. Payne their Maties Coll. of that River came wth two Boates & men towards the Yatch, the men in her told them Stand off & not to come on board for if they did they would fyre uppon them, & hee endeavouring to push on board, the men in ye yatch fyred & unfortunately killed Mr. Payne. There were severall Gunnes fired on both Sydes & one of the men in the Yatch much wounded. My Lord as soon as I had notice of it (wch I first received from Coll. Digges), & y^{t} ye Yatch was in this Gov^{mt} I caused the men y^{t} were on board to bee apprehended & they have been examined before mee & the Councill. A Coppy of w^{oh} Examinations I herewth Send yor Excellency as also ye Examination of John Rousby who was one y^{t} was in one of ye Boats wth Mr. Payne, w^{oh} is all wee can heare of in this Govern^{mt} y^{t} was in the Boates wth him.

My Selfe & the Councill after Examinacon have ordered the p'sons to be secured heere until wee receive commands from his Ma'ty whether they shall be tryed heere or how disposed of.

My Lord, Mr. Jno. Coode, who is the chiefe actor for ye Manage^{mt} of affayres in Maryland, Sent to me & demanded the p'sons to be delivered him, and in his Letter sayes that the Accident happened in the day time & that Mr. Payne the Collector was going on board to Search the Yatch, & soe was murdered. The others say itt was in the night & that Mr. Payne came as a Capt. appointed by Mr. Coode wth Armed men to take them & the Yatch. The truth of all will appeare uppon the tryall. Wee believe it to be in ye night & as Coode's Capt. Butt my-

selfe & the Councill did nott think fitt to deliver them to Capt. Coode or any other until wee received his Ma'ty's Comands. What shall bee done in ye same, I have given an account of this Matter to the Right Honble the Lords Committee for the Plantations & to the Right Honble the Earl of Shrewsbury humbly to move his Ma'ty for his pleasure what shall be done in this affair. And if y^{or} Lord^{pp} should bee in England I doubt nott butt y^{or} Excellency will take care that orders bee sent hither about the same as soon as possible.

I prayse God all is in peace and quietnesse heere and hope will soe continue & that yor Lord^{pp} will find us soe shortly, which wth my most humble service to yor Excellency, praying for yor health & Spirits, I subscribe My Lord yor Excellency's Most humble Serv't.

All the Gents of the Councill now p'sent give their most humble services to yor Excellency.

[Endorsed.] Cop. for Sr. Lord Effingham, Mch. 11th, 1689.

To be left with Mr. Fra. Lee, Mrcht. In London, to be d'led as above directed.

Governor Lord Effingham to Lieutenant-Governor Nicholson and the Council of Virginia, 1690.

(From Virginia Archives.)

[Lord Effingham became governor of Virginia in 1684, and after remaining in the colony about three years returned to England. At the date of this letter Francis Nicholson was lieutenant-governor.

The business with Lord Fairfax was doubtless a continuance of the efforts made by the Virginians to obtain control of the Northern Neck, which Fairfax had acquired by marriage with the daughter and heiress of Lord Culpeper. The "3^{d} per gallon" for which it might be necessary to call an assembly was the duty on imported liquors first laid in 1684, and again in April, 1691. Beverley states that it was first imposed especially for rebuilding the State House, "which had not been rebuilt since Lawrence burnt it in Bacon's time."]